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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PRESENTATION TO PRESIDENT KHAMA OF CG GOVERN-
MENTS' MESSAGE TO GOB AND PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT
OF NAMIBIAN SITUATION

REF: A) USUN 901 B) USUN 919

1. PRESIDENT KHAMA RECEIVED UK HICOM TURNER, FRG CHARGE
HEILANDT AND ME MARCH 29. HE HAD WITH HIM MINEXTAFF MOGWE
(WHOSE DEPARTURE FOR LAGOS WAS DELAYED UNTIL MARCH 30),
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PERMSEC MPOTOKWANE AND SENIOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIVATE SECRETARY
LEGWAILA. AT COLLEAGUES' SUGGESTION, I PRESENTED
(A) TEXT OF MESSAGE TO GOB FROM GOVERNMENTS OF CONTACT
GROUP (REF A), AND (B) TEXT OF PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT
IN NAMIBIA, WHICH UK HICOM HAD RECEIVED.

2. DISCUSSION WENT ON FOR NEARLY AN HOUR WHICH REQUIRED

TURNER AND ME TO USE MOST OF THE TALKING POINTS (REF B). AT THE END OF THE HOUR, KHAMA TOOK INITIATIVE TO REVIEW SITUATION IN ZIMBABWE (SEPTTEL).

3. SUBSTANCE. THROUGHOUT THE MEETING KHAMA AND MOGWE FOCUSED ON TWO QUESTIONS: (A) HAD CONSULTATIONS WITH SAG AND SWAPO REACHED THE POINT WHERE AGREEMENT WAS WITHIN REACH; AND (B) DID WESTERN (CG) TACTICS INCLUDE FINAL ROUND OF PROXIMITY TALKS. ON FIRST POINT, WE NOTED THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE STILL PROCEEDING SO ALL DIFFERENCES HAD CLEARLY NOT BEEN RESOLVED. IT WAS FELT, HOWEVER, THAT TIME WAS RUNNING OUT AND FURTHER DISCUSSIONS MEANT DELAYS THAT COULD NOT BE RISKED. MOGWE ASKED WHETHER PRESSURE WAS BEING APPLIED TO SOUTH AFRICA AS WELL AS SWAPO. PRESIDENT KHAMA UNDERLINED POINT THAT AT DAR FL MEETING THERE HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE APPLIED TO SWAPO; WAS SAG ALSO BEING PRESSED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS? TURNER AND I NOTED THAT DISCUSSION (ALTHOUGH UNPUBLICIZED) HAD NEVER STOPPED BETWEEN THE FIVE AND SAG AND LATTER HAD GIVEN WAY ON A NUMBER OF POINTS. ON SECOND POINT (PROXIMITY TALKS), MOGWE STRESSED THAT CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS IN UN SECURITY COUNCIL BEFORE THEY HAD BEEN AGREED BY SAG AND SWAPO WOULD CREATE GREAT DIFFICULTIES. SAG "DETESTED UN AND ITS VARIOUS BODIES". MOGWE OUTLINED REASONS WHY ANOTHER ROUND OF PROXIMITY TALKS SHOULD TAKE PLACE TO ASSURE COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON THE TEXT BEFORE SUBMITTING IT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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UNSC. I ASKED WHETHER HE HAD HEARD FROM PRESIDENT NYERERE WHO APPEARED TO BE PROMOTING THE KIND OF MEETING MOGWE DESCRIBED. PRESIDENT KHAMA SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD FROM NYERERE BUT THAT THE IDEA OF PROXIMITY TALKS WITH SAG AND SWAPO HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT DAR.

3. COMMENT: PRES. KHAMA AND GOB ARE SATISFIED WITH THE PROPOSALS FOR SETTLEMENT. THEY RECOGNIZE RISKS OF DELAY. THEIR CONCERN IS HOW TO ASSURE ACCEPTANCE AND PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION, IN KHAMA'S WORDS "BEFORE THERE ARE ANYMORE ASSASSINATIONS". NORLAND

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